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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PK, BG

SUBJECT: PAKISTAN-BANGLADESH RELATIONS

1. FOREIGN SECRETARY FAKHRUDDIN AHMED BROUGHT ME UP TO DATE YESTERDAY ON THE STATE OF BANGLADESH-PAKISTAN RELATIONS WHICH OBVIOUSLY REMAIN AT DEAD CENTER.

2. FOREIGN SECRETARY SAID THAT AFTER FOREIGN MINISTER KAMAL HOSSAIN'S RETURN TO DACCA FROM HIS STAY IN LONDON THEY HAD MADE THOROUGHGOING REVIEW OF PAKISTAN PROBLEM AND HAD REACHED ASSESSMENT THAT BHUTTO WAS NOT REALLY INTERESTED IN MOVING AHEAD WITH BANGLADESH AT THIS TIME, APPARENTLY BELIEVING THAT DELAY WAS MORE IN HIS INTEREST. BDG HAD THEREFORE DECIDED NOT TO PRESS FOR BILATERAL TALKS WHICH, THEY FELT, COULD ONLY END IN FAILURE RIGHT NOW AND THIS WOULD BE WORSE THAN NO TALKS AT ALL. WHILE PAKISTAN SPOKE ORALLY OF WILLINGNESS TO GET STARTED, IN FACT, AZIZ AHMED HAD NOT EVEN REPLIED TO FORMAL LETTER KAMAL HOSSAIN HAD SENT HIM ON THIS SUBJECT SOME SIX MONTHS AGO (DACCA'S 3592).

3. ANOTHER FACTOR WAS PAKISTAN'S FAILURE TO FOLLOW UP EARLIER INDICATIONS THAT THEY WOULD ACCEPT REPATRIATION OF MORE BIHARIS (DACCA'S 2098).

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SUCH ACTION WOULD HAVE ENABLED TALKS TO BEGIN IN

CONSTRUCTIVE ATMOSPHERE WITH AT LEAST SOME PROGRESS  
GUARANTEED. FOREIGN SECRETARY SAID HE WOULD BE FRANK  
TO SAY THAT THEY WERE ALSO CONCERNED, IN VIEW OF  
PAKISTAN'S EVIDENT RELUCTANCE, NOT TO APPEAR TO BE  
ENTERING TALKS FROM A POSITION OF WEAKNESS.

4. HE CONCLUDED BY ASSURING ME THAT NONE OF THIS  
REPRESENTED ANY CHANGE IN THEIR BASIC POSITION. THEY  
REMAINED COMMITTED TO NORMALIZATION, HE SAID, AND  
COULD BE COUNTED ON TO BE FLEXIBLE IN PURSUING IT.  
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